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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2026
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:01 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building located at 5143 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.

President Dimopoulos called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. He stated that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters in accordance with Indiana Codes.

Commissioners Present:	Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Commissioners Absent:	Dye
Commissioners Present via Zoom:	N/A
District Personnel Present:	Milan Kruszynski, District Manager Joseph Allegretti, Attorney Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager Rachel Montes, Business Manager Jeffrey Massey, HSD Jack Smith, Sewer Department Sharon Szany, HSD Kaleigh Boyle, HSD Jessie Amezcua, HSD Ashley Gordish, HSD
Others Present:	Mike Hickey, MJHY Natalie Cook, Donohue
Others Present via Zoom:	N/A

President Dimopoulos stated the first order of business is the consideration of the August 14, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Hawkins **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the August 14, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

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DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Milan Kruszynski stated that he is going to start by reporting from the Sewer Maintenance department. 2.91 miles have been cleaned so far in August. There is a sewer main collapse at 6304 Calumet Avenue. It is barricaded off. Dyer Construction is out there so we can get it done properly and according to the State guidelines. All locates have come in to repair that sewer and our City engineer, Dean Button, is taking care of all of the permits that are required from the State Highway. All of the cave-ins are completed that have come in so far in August to date except that one.

Safety department reports that man hours related to the August 11th storm have been submitted to the Controller's office. These hours will eventually be submitted to the State of Indiana and federal authorities hopefully for reimbursement. Currently there are no new safety incidents.

Operations reports that about 1.93" of rain fell since the last board meeting. The CSO basin was used and was discharging into the river. It is now empty and they are waiting for it to dry so that it can be cleaned. The Plant is operating well at about 50 MGD (50 million gallons/day). Repairs to the Headworks station as you can coming in are continuing after the July 3rd heavy rain event. Repairs will be a little slower after the August 11th storms that took place. HSD personnel continue to do an outstanding job during all of the heavy rain events. Extra staff worked 24/7 from August 11th to August 23rd to tend to the pump stations and fuel the generators. 22 pump stations lost Nipsco power during the August 11th event. The last one came back online Sunday afternoon. Jeff continues to submit responses to the questions from IDEM concerning the Biosolids Land Application Permit renewal and the Biosolids Marketing and Distribution Permit renewal. We are waiting on final review from IDEM concerning the Air Pollution Permit. Work continues on the Municipal Streamlined Mercury Variance application. Jeff is working on both the MRO/DMR and the land application report for July 2026.

Accounting department reports that the audit readiness continues. Weekly meetings are held with the City and other departments. Audit requests continue to be worked on. HR will complete the Tyler Employee On-Boarding module which has not been completed due to log in issues. Tyler conversion is still in process. Our new employee, Ashley Gordish, started working for us yesterday. She is the full-charge accounts payable clerk. She has come over from the Hammond Port Authority. She was there for four years.

IT reported on their recent IT projects and storm recovery. Phone lines were successfully switched over at Robertsdale and Kennedy storm stations from their existing lines. These can now be canceled to eliminate unnecessary service costs there. They are working with Tri-Electronics on the camera and access control systems to get the camera system updated and bringing some access control software back online. They are planning to restore the gates to their proper working conditions, which will happen soon. Some network switches and systems that are part of our licensing will come into play here within the next couple weeks. Some battery backups will be being purchased here shortly since multiple backups have failed or were

damaged during the storms. That will have to happen very quickly so we can have our IT equipment in good use. Lastly, the IT team continues to work with our vendors and service providers to restore storm damage equipment, improve system reliability and eliminate services that are no longer needed.

That concludes the District Manager's report.

There were no questions or comments.

PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board was given a Personnel Report prior to meeting.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Personnel Report.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

CONSULTANT UPDATES

MJHY

Mike Hickey stated that the last couple weeks they have been working on updating the FCA.

Donohue

Natalie Cook said they are making progress on being able to respond to some of the Long-Term Control Plan requests from Highland.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 08-25-26.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 08-25-26.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business
There was no old business to discuss.

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President Dimopoulos called for New Business
President Dimopoulos commented that Jeff made a good suggestion that we send a letter to the owners of the home next to our pump station at 173rd and Forest. A tree fell across our driveway, and they were kind enough to let us use their driveway to set up the generator during the storm and allowed us to go on their driveway multiple times to fuel the generator and other sorts. He thought that was a great idea that Jeff had, so if we could draft a letter.

Milan replied that they will get that ready for him and it will be ready for his signature at the next meeting.

President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners
There were no reports from Commissioners.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression
There was no public expression.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Miller **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for adjournment.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

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Sam Dimopoulos, President

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Michael Dye, Vice-President

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Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member

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Owana Miller, Member

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Monica Rubio, Member

ATTEST: _____
Rachel Montes, Secretary
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle